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LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Research Design and Standards Organisation (RDSO) has not been able to do in-house research work on various technologies required for upgradation in signalling and telecommunication system, track designing, improvement in rolling stock and many such areas and if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Government proposes to create a special unit, Special Railway Establishment for Strategic Technology and Holistic Advancement (SRESTHA) for conducting in-house research in Railways and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of expenditure, manpower both scientific and administrative and infrastructure likely to be required for the functioning of the new research wing of the Railways; and

(d) the manner in which functioning of the new wing will be different from the functioning of RDSO?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a): Research, Designs and Standards Organisation (RDSO) has been carrying out in-house research on technologies related to various facets of Railway working.

(b) to (d): Yes, Madam. Setting up of Special Railway Establishment for Strategic Technology & Holistic Advancement (SRESTHA), to drive long-term research on Railways has been announced as part of the budget speech of Minister for Railways for 2016-17. Implementation of the Budget item has been taken on hand including concretisation of the organisational structure, manpower requirement and manner of functioning.

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